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Dan Tangherlini
Acting Administrator
U.S. General Services Administration
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Dear Acting Administrator Tangherlini:

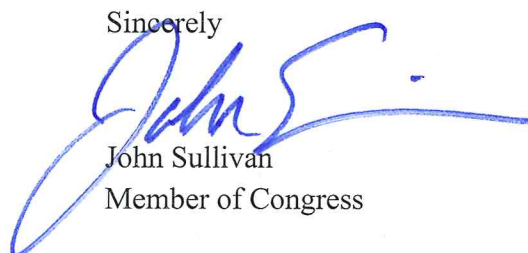
I write to you today to voice outrage on behalf of myself and my constituents regarding the culture of wasteful spending at the General Services Administration (GSA). The Inspector General's report uncovered GSA's ridiculous expenditures at the Western Regions Conference in Las Vegas, and new press reports are coming out every day recounting slush funds, a five-day trip to Hawaii for a one hour ceremony, and arrogant employees bragging publicly about this disgraceful misuse of taxpayer dollars and lack of oversight.

I know you are aware of the gravity of this mess you must clean up, which can only happen with a wholesale culture change within the administration. I suggest that you do this expeditiously and with the utmost respect for the American taxpayers who were left on the hook for this gross mismanagement of funds.

The GSA scandal is an embarrassment to all branches of the Federal Government and a primary example of why American taxpayers continue to lose faith in our ability to serve them openly and honestly. At a time when our nation is \$15 trillion in debt, and every agency should be looking for ways to tighten their belt, spending close to \$1 million on a "vegas vacation" – including \$3,200 for a mind reader – ranks up there as one of the most egregious examples of government waste to come out of Washington.

I look forward to your testimony in the Congressional hearings next week. I will be listening closely for specific steps you plan to take ensure GSA's budget is spent frugally and wisely, and to restore accountability measures that are obviously lacking to this point.

Sincerely



John Sullivan
Member of Congress